

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2718  
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APPOINTMENT OF EXPAT PILOTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued new draft that proposes significant changes in recruitment process in appointing expatriate pilots;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the changes made in the recruitment process;
- (c) whether some directives have been issued to the Indian Airlines to follow a stringent screening process while inducting expatriate pilots for flying duties;
- (d) if so, the details of minimum qualifications and experience fixed for the expatriate pilots for their recruitment in the airlines;
- (e) whether the DGCA had objected to some recent appointments made in Air India Express;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the officers appointed as Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Training meet the necessary qualification and experience and there has not been anything adverse reported against these officers; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

- (a) and (b):- The Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 7, Series - G, Part - II specify the requirements for validation of foreign licences of flight crew. The revised CAR has been placed on the website of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and shall be effective with effect from 01st December, 2010. However, this CAR does not provide guidelines in recruitment process for appointing expatriate pilots. The expatriate pilots are recruited by airline operators on their own depending upon their requirements.
- (c):- No separate directive has been issued to Indian Carriers. However, the above CAR will be applicable to all airlines.
- (d):- The applicants should possess the qualifications and experience as prescribed in the above CAR.
- (e) to (h):- No such objection has been expressed by DGCA. However, the Board of Air India has reviewed the appointment of Chief Operating Officer, Air India Express and cancelled the appointment. As regards Chief of Training this is being reviewed by the Board.